Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), 10,000 tonnes of foodgrains (4,232 tonnes of wheat and 5,768 tonnes of Rice) of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) was released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh during the current year.

(b) and (c) On the recommendations of the Task Force on Drought Management, the State Government of Himachal Pradesh was requested to indicate district-wise requirement of Rice/Wheat. Foodgrains could be released only after receipt of this information. In order to avoid any delay, foodgrains released to the States are intimated directly to Food Corporation of India instead of the earlier practice of sending the information through Ministry of Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution.

Inquiry on report on CAPART

†1511. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to conduct an inquiry on the report submitted and recommendations made by Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts with regard to CAPART; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor and what would be the justification of the report of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in its 38th Report (13th Lok Sabha) has made specific recommendations relating to CAPART regarding the procedure for release of grants, recommendations of the Institute of Public Auditors, finalisation of new guidelines, expeditious review of completed projects requiring closure, blacklisting of VOs, strengthening of evaluation system, etc. The Report of the PAC is based on the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 1997 relating to CAPART.

There is no proposal for conducting an inquiry as the CAPART has already initiated action to implement the recommendations.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.